A RESOLUTION urging President Obama to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his visit to the United States of America.

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the nation of Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's principal Mideast ally, has enjoyed a close and unshakeable bond with Israel and her people; and

WHEREAS, President Obama should meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu upon his visit to the United States to help solidify the long-standing relationship between our two nations; and

WHEREAS, as a moral obligation and a strategic necessity for Israel's future, President Obama should follow the lead of the United States House of Representatives in meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

- → Section 1. The House of Representatives strongly encourages and urges President Obama to reconsider his decision not to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu upon his visit to the United States.
- → Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to President Barack Obama, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500 and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, 3 Kaplan St., P.O.B. 187, Kiryat Ben-Gurion, Jerusalem 91919.